

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for January 26, 2010

Attendance: David Adams, Steve Meyers, Susan Wright, Kathy Romero, Jay Bollwinkel
Mary Ann Kirk (staff)

1. Steve Meyers moved to accept the minutes for November 24, 2009 and December 23, 2009 with a second by Kathy Romero. Minutes were approved as written. David Adams was introduced and welcomed as a new board member.
2. Steve attended a meeting on the Life on State Street plan. He asked how many historic businesses existed on State Street in Murray. He said the plan showed three. Mary Ann said there are more and these will be reviewed later.
3. Demolition Report for 2009 included 4 buildings listed on the local register as A sites (572 W Winchester, 5540 S 300 W, 750 Tripp Lane, 4755 S Plum), 21 buildings in the historic period but not on the register, and 7 buildings out of period. We currently have 335 buildings on our local registry which includes 233 from two national registry districts and 102 listed individually.
4. David asked how the National Registry compared to our local registry. Does it have the same type of restrictions on changes and demolition? Mary Ann said that the National Registry has wording to encourage preservation but has no enforcement ability. The local ordinances are where changes and demolition restrictions are enforced. We automatically put buildings and districts nominated to the National Register on our local register. Our local registry does not restrict people on what they can and cannot do to their buildings. It is a recognition. We require communication for changes to provide resources for the owner. There are tax credits if they are eligible or are on the National Registry. Eventually Mary Ann would like to get these homes on the website. We also require a board review for demolitions but the final decision is up to the owner. The DHOD is the only city ordinance that has formal restrictions including demolition.
5. Eight buildings were reviewed for designation to our local registry. These were reviewed in an RLS survey and recommended to be eligible for the National Registry as A sites or B sites based on historic significance. We drove by each of these homes in the fall. These reflect the development of this area that was annexed into Murray.

The homeowners have been contacted by mail. The owner at 6575 S 900 East has asked to leave their home off the registry which we will honor. The owner is an elderly lady who is worried about what it means. Her son would like it listed so we will reconsider it next year. This is the Ramoselli home which was a truck and garden farm. The home is in good condition and has historical significance. Susan said the zoning for this property was changed back to agricultural which is adjacent to Wheeler Farm. Board members felt the zoning change was appropriate and agreed it will help protect the home.

The following were formally designated by unanimous vote to the Murray registry.

1704 E 6400 South (A)	1697 E Vine (B)
1772 E 6400 South (A)	5191 S Wesley Road (A)
1776 E 6400 South (B)	6151 S 900 East (B)
1235 E 6600 South (B)	

6. Mary Ann reviewed the differences between the National Registry business district and the DHOD. Some buildings which were removed from the DHOD boundaries but are in the National Registry District were reviewed for proper designation.

Steve felt that 4775/77 has had significant changes. Mary Ann said these buildings were listed as a “B” on the RLS survey and contributing on the National Registry District. Board members agreed sites at 4759 S State and 4775/77 S State should remain as B buildings on our local register. Board members asked for an updated photo of 4759 S State. The BMW building at 4735 S State still retains some very interesting features of the original building and will remain on the register. Board members changed the designations for sites at 4760 S State, 4762-4772 S State, and 4791 S State as “C” sites and will not appear on our register. Some of these buildings were listed as contributing on our National Registry district. As the downtown area changes, we will have to determine if the district is compromised and some buildings need to be listed individually.

The firestation at 4901 S State and Carlson at 4889 S State are both C buildings and listed as non-contributing on the National Registry district. However, they are still within the DHOD and are listed as significant buildings in the DHOD. If the DHOD is dissolved, we will need to decide if they should remain protected as significant buildings. Mary Ann said these are some of the buildings on State Street in addition to the three buildings on the west side that are reflected in the Life on State Street. The Community Development Office will be on next month’s agenda with some proposed changes for the DHOD. We will need to address the significant buildings in the DHOD. A list was distributed and Mary Ann asked board members to evaluate each building and be prepared next month to discuss any they do not think qualify as significant buildings. Mary Ann will bring current and larger photos.

7. Several B sites were reviewed to determine if they should remain on the register because of historical significance.

4587 S Atwood was removed from the registry because it did not have enough historical significance.

1104 W Winchester does not appear to be the original home. Kathy would like to do some additional research on the home and the property. It has both Winchester and Turpin family histories.

The following B Sites were kept for historical significance but have had alterations

533 Benbow was architecturally significant and likely should be an A.

179 Berger has major historic significance.

1245 W Bullion was the original Bringhurst home.

4782 S Hanauer was the original Sheranian home and could be an A.

545 E Vine Street contains history of the Erikson/Benbow and Bringhurst families.

760 E Vine street was the home of Murray's first doctor and has historic additions.

963 E Vine was the Ballard home and recently listed.

623 E Wilford has major alterations but does have a large presence in the neighborhood.

65 E Wilson was listed as an A on the RLS. We need a building date.

307 E Winchester has been restored but altered beautifully. It won a state award.

8. Next month we will review a few more B sites with historic significance, discuss the downtown area, landmarks, and Heritage Foundation easements and future goals if time.